

**Introduced by Senator Cox**

July 6, 2005

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to the Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 57, as introduced, Cox. Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a section of State Highway Route 89 in Alpine County as the Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs designating that specified section of State Highway Route 89 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson was born in Sacramento,  
2 California on September 21, 1912. His family moved to  
3 Markleeville in Alpine County when he was two weeks old and  
4 remained there until 1924 when they moved to Los Angeles  
5 County; and  
6 WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson returned every summer to  
7 Alpine county to work at the historic Alpine Hotel; and  
8 WHEREAS, In 1942 Robert M. Jackson enlisted in the United  
9 States Army Air Corps. He was stationed in Texas, Brazil, and  
10 finally in the Ascension Islands. After being discharged in 1945,  
11 he returned to Markleeville where he built the home he lived in  
12 for the rest of his life; and  
13 WHEREAS, In October 1946, Robert M. Jackson began work  
14 with the Alpine County Public Works Department, where he

1 spent more than 30 years surveying, engineering, constructing,  
2 and realigning many of the county and state highway routes of  
3 today; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson's most significant  
5 accomplishment was the completion of State Highway Route 89  
6 over Monitor Pass in the early 1950's. This 18-mile span  
7 traverses both Alpine and Mono counties; and

8 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 89 over Monitor Pass is a  
9 mountainous state highway reaching elevations in excess of 8500  
10 feet. The original road grade was crooked and steep, as much as  
11 17% in some places. The majority of the survey work done by  
12 Robert M. Jackson was on horseback. Alpine County and the  
13 Department of Transportation cooperated for 7 years to complete  
14 the project, which was dedicated on September 12, 1954; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson retired from Alpine County in  
16 1973, after 27 years of service. He remained in Alpine County  
17 until his death on May 12, 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the legacy of a dedicated  
19 public servant that a portion of his most significant  
20 accomplishment be designated in his name; now therefore be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That the portion of State Highway Route 89  
23 from the Alpine/Mono County line to the junction of State  
24 Highway Route 89 and State Highway Route 4 be designated the  
25 Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
27 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
28 signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon  
29 receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the  
30 cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
32 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
33 author for appropriate distribution.